Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner



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Dear Fellow Hoosiers:

Reports of community-acquired methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus, more commonly known as MRSA, have been widely publicized in recent months and caused some concern for many of you.

In light of the heightened awareness, a MRSA Task Force was formed, consisting of local and state health officials as well as various community partners, to provide Indiana communities with the most current MRSA information and the necessary tools to promote hand washing and healthy hygiene.

To educate Indiana residents on how to care for skin infections, the Indiana State Department of Health and the MRSA Task Force developed the attached "MRSA Resource" packet. It is intended to raise awareness about the important role you and the members of your community play in preventing the spread of MRSA and other infections.

Every Hoosier can help prevent MRSA. For additional information on MRSA, visit the Indiana State Department of Health Web site at: www.statehealth.in.gov/healthinfo/mrsa.htm.

Sincerely,

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Attachment